

KOKAKO NEWS

OROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 4



From The Principal

We were fortunate with the weather on Tuesday for our Year 4-8 School Athletics. A big thank you to Mr Lewis and our caretaker Dan for setting the day up. It is great to now have the full use of our field back so we could have a complete Athletics set-up on the field for all the events. Thank you to all our staff and parents who were able to help out with each event and sorting placings. We had great participation and turnout of children competing with a lot of significant talent on show. The main thing was we had everyone 'giving it a go' and giving it their best, which is an achievement in itself. The results of overall first, second, and third placings are further on in the newsletter.

The next Athletics Events are for Year 5 & 6 today at the KRSA event, followed by Year 7&8s at Tall Poppies, and then our Junior School Athletics.

We also had a group of Year 5&6 students participating in the World Cup Cricket Day on Wednesday.

On Thursday and Friday we had Ruru, Te Kokako O Otanewainuku, and Korimako go on their Art Gallery visits. This is always a highlight and costs the school nothing. We are very lucky that this initiative is provided by our Council and that the children get the exposure to this great resource in our wider community.

A weekly highlight for me is seeing our classes involved in the Garden-to-Table programme. This week there has been a great buzz around the school with children learning so much about gardening, thanks to the expertise of Heron. I gained some new knowledge from her on Wednesday myself about looking after citrus trees[].

And then under the guidance of Fotina, we have the kitchen groups creating really yummy, healthy, natural recipes. The children love it and it is so good for them!

We are proud to be having more classes involved in this programme this term and look forward to operating it school wide in 2019!! It is an initiative that is only going to grow and become more a part of our school curriculum. It covers so many curriculum areas and dispositions for learning, social, and life skills for our children. What I want to see developed in this resource is educating the children about different cultural perspectives and understandings about the sowing-harvesting-cooking processes.

Projects and developments as we move into 2019

2019 Staffing and Classes

The Senior Leadership Team and I are busy working on this at the moment. The Board of Trustees are being provided with a draft outline next week and after this I will be able to start informing the community about classes and levels teachers will be teaching. A couple of points to raise are that we intend for Te Kokako o Otanewainuku to be a part of the Senior School Team in 2019 as this class will be made up of predominantly senior school students.

Some of you will be aware that I have been leading the Tauranga Peninsula Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) which is a network of 13 schools from Tauranga Peninsula. This has been as well as remaining Principal of Oropi School but with additional resourcing to support senior management to step into additional roles and responsibilities while I have been less available. While this has been a fantastic opportunity of professional learning for myself as a school leader, leading new initiatives and developing networks and professional learning opportunities for teachers,

I am resigning from this position at the end of this year and will be back at Oropi full time from the start of 2019. The Kahui Ako will remain and Oropi will still be part of this. However, there will be a new leadership structure for it which is being decided over the next few weeks.

Intercultural Strategy

2019 will see a growth & development phase in this dimension of our school curriculum. It is about the development of our Te Reo & Tikanga Maori programmes, Chinese culture and Mandarin language learning programme, and International Strategy. It is time to consolidate our school wide understandings about the role of Bilingual Education, connecting the NZ Curriculum and Te Marautanga O Aotearoa (Maori Curriculum) more, looking at how else we can promote and increase language learning, and connecting our students virtually (through the internet) to work on collaborative projects with students in China, India, Tunisia, Hungary, and South Korea.

Oropi School Camps Consultation

It is time for the school to survey and consult the community about the following aspects of camps: The year levels to be involved, costs of camps, number of nights away per year level, nature of the camp for each year level, frequency of camps.

Please click the link below to complete the survey and help inform our Camps Programmes from 2019 onward for the next three year Strategic Plan.

<http://bit.ly/OropiCampSurvey2018>

Athletics

Most Points Scored Overall

Year 4

1. Archie Montgomerie
2. Joel Troughton
3. Jai Henderson

1. Vivy Gorrie
2. Natasha Pearse-Danker
3. Jorja MacDonald

Year 5

1. Stefan Pendergrast
2. Ben Marshall
3. Floyd Wright

1. Portia Dawson
2. Haeun Kim
3. Sophia Greer

Year 6

1. Cole Dean
2. Ethan Davies
3. Taylor Ross

1. Kendall Robson
2. Pippa Montgomerie
3. Grace McHannigan

Year 7

1. Jack Pope
2. Tristan Taylor
3. Jonathan Logger

1. Lucy Wright
2. Estelle Wright
3. Shilo Green

Year 8

1. Ethan Dean
2. Anakyn Williams-Harris
3. Oliver Cox

1. Elodie Broad
2. Mackenzie Gregg
3. Alyssa Williams

This Week

World Cup Cricket



On Wednesday a group of Year 5 & 6 children were involved in the Cricket World Cup at Blake Park. This group of children were selected based on their keenness to be involved and were made up of experienced players, alongside children who just wanted to give cricket a go. Our Oropi team played well throughout the day, making marked improvements in each game. They finished with a victory, and were awarded the sportsmanship award during prize giving. We would like to thank Grant Marshall for giving his time for the day to coach and manage the team, and the great parents who provided transport to and from the event. It was a fun day!

Young Gardener of the Year Awards



Congratulations to Phoenix McHannigan who was a finalist in this year's T&G Young Gardener of the Year Awards! Phoenix's keen love of gardening has scored him a certificate, a pair of gardening gloves and a packet of Kings seeds! Well done Phoenix! We hope you are inspired to continue your great work in the garden!

Notices

Parent Information Sessions

These sessions will now be on Monday November 26th. Here are the details:

There will be three sessions run by Senior Management on Monday November 26th at 8:15 am, 2.15 pm and 5:30 pm regarding plans, goals, and projects for 2019 at Oropi School.

2017 was the year of major community consultation with the survey that went out and this occurs once every three years. Therefore, this session is a bit more 'low key' in that it is not a consultation session about our values, mission, vision, and long term goals. It is more about informing you of how the long term plan is being implemented for 2019, including being told information about where teachers will be, our end-of-year reporting changes, property projects and other plans.

We want to hear your feedback and ideas about these plans as well and part of the Hui will have a component for your contributions. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions. Please book the date and come along to the 8:15 am session, 2.15 pm session or 5:30 pm session to be held in the staffroom.

Arrival Time of Students at School

As a senior management team we have discussed the growing numbers of children arriving at school before 8:15 am. It is very important that teachers have time before school to set up, talk with one another and prepare their day with minimal distractions. It is not the responsibility of the school to take care of the children before the first bus arrives. Please be mindful of this and make arrangements for children to not arrive before this time. Children are not permitted to be in classrooms before 8:15 am and will have to wait outside until then. On Monday mornings, we have a staff administration meeting for 10-15 minutes which finishes around 8:25 am.

New Classrooms for Oropi

Andrew King has had confirmation from the Ministry that the process is now underway for this project to commence (4 new classrooms project announced in August). He will start with an 'initial discussions' meeting on November 15th with the Capital Works team from the Ministry. Then on November 21st, there will be a meeting with the appointed Delivery Manager to set up project timeframes and tasks.

School Frontage Update

We have had communication from the WBOPDC council who are not yet 100% committed to putting in a pedestrian crossing in just yet in front of the school. According to Council, in some instances a pedestrian crossing can give pedestrians a feeling of invincibility when crossing the road and if a driver isn't paying attention to the pedestrian who thinks they own the road then this is where accidents can happen. So council wants to look at all options here in terms of the safest solution for a crossing point. The council have a company called Westlink doing an internal study of 6 WPOB schools of which Oropi is one of them to provide the best possible option for us and this will be done in conjunction with Travelsafe.

We have asked about signage for the school. Council have said these are costly to install and once installed they need appropriate maintenance in place so they want to ensure they get the 'best bang for their buck' so once they have consulted with the specialists, then they can make the best economic decision.

Council hope to have a proposal put to us either before Christmas or early 2019 so they are working on it but they want it to be the best outcome.

Garden To Table



Te Hokioi, Te Kokako O Otanewainuku, Pukeko and Te Ohanga have begun their much anticipated Garden to Table journeys! These 5 new classes, (along with Term 3 starters, Ruru) have been busy!

In the garden, the kids have cleared out the Winter vege patches to make room for Summer produce. They have picked and podded broad beans, observed artichoke hearts forming, collected the seeds and sowed new ones for the orchard.

Over in the kitchen, the kids created either a deliciously colourful 'Salad of the Imagination' or 'Quinoa Salad' where thinly sliced raw turnip was the unexpected crowd favourite!

Kitchen groups have also whipped up the very tasty 'Smashed Bean and Mint Crostini'! It is so rewarding seeing our kids gaining life skills while they have fun!

We look forward to more exciting Garden to Table adventures with these classes.

The programme is being delivered to its full potential thanks to the teachers, support staff and all past and present volunteers!

A 'shout out' to our Term 4 volunteers so far: Margaret Cox, Bekki Monger, Alex Morrison, Kelly Kerr, Stacey Ellis, Kelly Johnson, Dawn Miller, Barbara Fitzgibbon, Esme Dean, Andrea Habacht, Carmen Montgomerie, Gina Emery, Rachel Dell, Tamara Raimona, Amanda McKinlay and Ellyse Larson McRae. You are making amazing things happen!

Reminders

Term 4 is super busy. Here are a few things that are coming up in the next two weeks:

Next Week

Monday 12 Donut Day orders due

Tuesday 13 Strike Day. School Closed.

Wednesday 14 Tall Poppies Athletics

Thursday 15 Te Ohanga Donut Day & MAKA Awards & Year 5&6 BOP Orienteering

Friday 16 Tennis Lessons

Week 6

Monday 19 Go Girls Cricket

Thursday 22 Year 5&6 West Cluster Athletics, Tauranga Boys & Tauranga Girls College Orientation Days

Friday 23 Tennis Lessons

Sunday 25 Weetbix TRYathlon

MAKA Awards

The Music and Kapahaka awards are on Thursday 15 November from 12.30 to 2.30 in the Oropi Memorial Hall.

The Kapahaka group and all music students learning with Peg Southee and Tanya Williams will be performing. All welcome.

School Photos



Make sure you have got your photo orders placed before this Sunday to take advantage of the free post offer.

Hats in Term 4



School hats are compulsory for Term 4. You can order in Kindo or call in to the office to purchase one. Available in one size at the moment. More mini sized hats will arrive at the end of Term 4.

Friday Lunch



Pita Pit is available to purchase each Friday by going to www.lunchonline.co.nz You can order Pita's, drinks, cookies, or brownie. Gluten free options available. Orders are made fresh and delivered to School before lunchtime on Friday. Orders must be made online before Friday 9am. If you do not have internet access, please order at the office

Kindo

Have you signed up for our payment app? Kindo is the easiest way to make payments for School fees. Pay by account to account, credit card, or set up an AP in Kindo to make life easier. Talk to the office about how to sign up or go to the School website and click on School Shop.

School Bank Details

Preferred payment is made via Kindo. Alternatively payment can be made into the School account. Oropi School ASB 12-3440-0087772-00 - Please use your surname as a reference.

Absences

Remember to call the office to report your child's absence.

Call 543 1479 and leave a message or email office@oropi.school.nz. Please include the class your child is in and the reason they are absent.

Weetbix TRYathlon



The Weetbix TRYathlon is coming up on Sunday 25 November at Arataki Park. Click the link below to sign up to the Oropi School group.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Registrar.aspx?E=31904&G=67896>

Sport Update

Results from Volleyball game last Friday. Awesome effort for our first game back, narrowly losing to TPS Wildcats.

Player of the day was Danni.

Kiwi/Piwakawaka Rippa

What a fun game we had slipping and sliding around in the rain, the kids played a great game with 10 tries this week scored by Hikawai, Isabella, Jesse, Matilda, Braxton and Ashlyn.

Thanks to all the parent, grandparents and siblings for your sideline support, we love hearing your positive encouragement. Players of the day were Matilda and Hikawai

Korimako Rippa team played a tough game against Maungatapu, there was a lot of determination to get the rips to stop them from scoring. We still scored a few tries, really enjoyed munching on the oranges at 1/2 time and kept smiling till the end. Well done for playing so well and working together as a team, congratulations to our players of the day Sam B and Levi.

Community Events Coming Up



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

CHRISTMAS DINNER
3 Course Buffet Dinner
Prepared by Local Chef
★ ★ ★

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
FROM 6.30PM
Tickets \$50.00 each
Limited tickets available

events.oropihall.co.nz

OROPHI MEMORIAL HALL

NZ Ocean Swim Series



Make a splash this summer with Banana Boat OceanKids Series! The event nearest our school is the Generation Homes - Sand to Surf, which features three swim events for kids aged 7-12. This fun-filled day at the beach promotes confidence and creates lasting memories.

The three swim distances are: 100m for 7 & 8 year olds, 200m for 9 & 10 year olds and 300m for 11 & 12 year olds - so it gives every child a chance to swim to their ability.

Each child will receive:

- Finishers medal
- Finishers photo
- Certificate
- Official swim cap

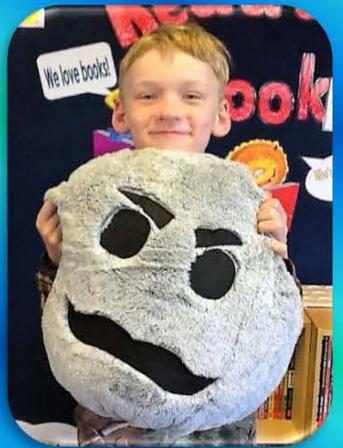
The Sand to Surf is held on 9 February 2019 at Mt Maunganui Beach so get your family and friends together and be part of this exciting event this summer!

What's on at Oropi School

Term 4 2018

Week	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	12 Nov – 16 Nov	Donut Day Orders Due Today midday	NZEI Strike Day School Closed	Tall Poppies Athletics Y7&8 BoT Meeting	Donut Day  MAKA Awards  BOP Orienteering Y5 & 6	Tennis Lessons 4 of 8 
6	19 Nov – 23 Nov	Go Girls Cricket 			West Cluster Athletics  TGC Orientation Morning 9 am - 11.15am TBC Orientation 9- 12pm	Tennis Lessons 5 of 8 
7	26 Nov – 30 Nov	Te Kokako Noho Parent Community Consultation Meeting 8.15am, 2.15pm, 5.30pm	Kapa Haka Group Performance 11am at Omokoroa No. 1 School	WBOP Athletics 	Junior School Athletics Year 0 – 3 	Out of zone ballot Scholastic Issue 8 orders due today Tennis Lessons 6 of 8 
8	3 Dec – 7 Dec		BoT Meeting		End of Year Celebration 11am @ Oropi Hall 	Tennis Lessons 7 of 8 
9	10 Dec – 14 Dec	Te Ohanga Camp 	Pukeko Camp Te Hokioi Camp 	2019 NE SCHOOL VISITS 9AM-11AM		Tennis Lessons 8 of 8 2019 NE SCHOOL VISITS 9AM- 11AM  EOY Reports home today
10	17 Dec – 18 Dec	Senior Reports home today	Last Day of School			

Last Day for 2018 is Tuesday 18 December. First day back in 2019 is Thursday 31 January.



Cool Cushions By Te Hokioi



